

REMARKS

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the office action entered in the above identified case and mailed on April 4, 2003. Claims 10-13, 15-16, 21-22, 24-25, and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,164,839 to Lang in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,715,104 to Takada et al. and further, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,432,769 to Honjo. With this response Applicants have amended claims 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 28, and canceled claims 11, 14, 18, 19, 20-24, 26 and 27. Applicants respectively submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Taking amended claim 10 as an example, claim 10 now calls for among other things, an analog video interface, a digital interface and a signal processor for converting analog video signals to digital video signals and digital video signals to analog video signals. The signal processor is further adapted to switch video signals between analog video interface, digital video tape recording means and a digital transfer circuit. Lang does not teach these features, nor does it teach a digital transfer circuit for transferring data in the manner claimed, as argued in the previous response. These features are also not taught or suggested by Takada et al. or Honjo. Accordingly, claim 10 and the claims depending there from are allowable over the cited references.

Independent claim 16 has been amended in a similar fashion and is also allowable. Independent claim 17 now calls for the step of either recording edited video data on the digital tape recording medium or providing edited video data to the analog video interface, which are also steps not taught or suggested by the prior art.

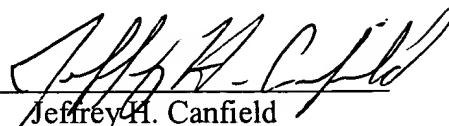
For these reasons Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims and move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encourage to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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